

Application No. 09/979,572

Amendment dated January 27, 2006

Amendment in response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 10, 2006

### REMARKS

#### Non-Compliant Amendment

The Examiner rejected the amendment filed on October 25, 2005 as being non-compliant. Specifically, claim 31 is not clear because it has been identified as "original" but includes amendments. In response, Applicants have amended the status of claim 31 to "currently amended". Applicants therefore submit that the Amendment filed on October 25, 2005 is now compliant.

#### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. It is believed that no fees are due associated with the filing of this response. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2388. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at his number set out below.

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